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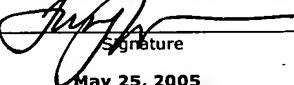
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR STATUS OF PENDING APPLICATION

Although this application was filed on July 2, 2003, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that as of May 25, 2005, a first Office Action has not been issued for this case.

The undersigned attorney of record respectfully requests the Examiner to advise when is it anticipated that a first Office Action will be issued.

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